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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of) Examiner of Parent Application:
Fred H. Burbank et al.) M. Hindenburg
For: **BREAST BIOPSY SYSTEM AND) Group Art Unit: 3736**
METHODS)
Serial No.: Unassigned)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-16, 29 and 34-39.

Please replace claims 30, 31 and 33 as indicated below:

Subj 30. (Amended) A method for retrieving a tissue specimen from a patient's body, comprising the steps of:

AI inserting an instrument having a distal end, a longitudinal axis, and an axially disposed cutting element into the patient's body, so that the distal end is disposed in a tissue region from which the tissue specimen is to be taken;